

Claim 60 has not been changed by this amendment and continues to read as follows:

60. A multiple-function apparatus according to claim 59, wherein said scanner apparatus is removably mounted on said image forming apparatus, and said scanner apparatus is so implemented as to be capable of operating as a hand scanner in a case where said scanner apparatus is detached from said image forming apparatus.

Claim 61 has not been changed by this amendment and continues to read as follows:

61. An apparatus according to claim 46, wherein said scanner apparatus includes at least one roller or a plurality of rollers for sheet transportation, a center of rotation of said scanner apparatus being located at a downstream side, with regard to a direction of sheet transportation of said at least one roller or a plurality of rollers.

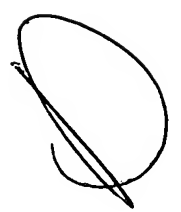
REMARKS

Claims 7-10, 19-25 and 34-61 are in this case and are presented for consideration. Claims 7, 9, 34, 46 and 52 have been amended to place the application in better form and to correct minor typographical errors.

Claims 62-69 have been deleted without prejudice. Additionally, these claims are now part of a divisional application.

Claims 7-10, 19-25, 34-61 have been allowed by the Final Office Action dated March 15, 2001.

If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions which would further favorable



prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's representative by telephone to discuss possible changes.

At this time, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application, and based upon the above amendments and remarks, respectfully solicits allowance of this application.

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MARKED-UP VERSION OF THE CLAIMS

7. An apparatus, comprising:

a base apparatus which includes a first sheet transporting path extending substantially vertically and performs a first processing for a sheet traveling along said first sheet transporting path; and

5 a scanner apparatus which can be removably mounted on said base apparatus and includes a reading element,

wherein a second sheet transporting path extending substantially vertically is defined by a surface of said scanner apparatus on which said reading element is provided, and a surface of said base apparatus which faces to said scanner apparatus in a case where said scanner apparatus is mounted on said base apparatus,

10 and wherein said scanner apparatus includes a pick roller provided at a location upstream of said second sheet transporting path as viewed in a sheet transporting direction and includes a feed [rollers] roller provided at locations downstream of said second sheet transporting path, said first and second sheet transporting paths being provided along and adjacent to each other, and wherein said scanner apparatus is so implemented as to be capable of operating as a hand scanner in a case where said scanner apparatus is detached from said base apparatus.

15 9. An apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said protecting member is provided at a location outside of a reading area of said scanner apparatus [unit].



34. An apparatus, comprising:

a base apparatus which includes a first sheet transporting path extending substantially vertically and performs a first processing for a sheet traveling along said first sheet transporting path; and

5 a scanner apparatus which can be removably mounted on said base apparatus and includes a reading element, wherein a second sheet transporting path extending substantially vertically is defined by a surface of said scanner apparatus on which said reading element is provided, and a surface of said base apparatus which faces toward said scanner apparatus when said scanner apparatus is mounted on said base apparatus, said first and second sheet
10 transporting paths being provided along and adjacent to each other, and [whereby] wherein said scanner apparatus may be detached from said base apparatus so as to operate as a hand scanner.

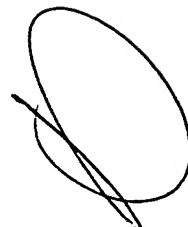
46. An apparatus, comprising:

a base unit;

a scanner apparatus which includes a reading element and can be removably mounted on said base unit;

5 a scanner mounting portion provided on said base unit and adapted to removably mount said scanner apparatus on said base unit; and

an engaging portion provided on said scanner apparatus and adapted to engage said scanner mounting portion,



wherein a sheet transporting path is defined by a surface of said scanner apparatus
10 on which said reading element is provided, and a surface of said base unit which faces to
said scanner apparatus in a case where said scanner apparatus is mounted on said base unit,
and said engaging portion and said scanner mounting [~~portion~hold~~] portion hold said
scanner apparatus in a manner that said scanner apparatus can be [rotatable] rotate to a
direction that said sheet transporting path is open.

52. An apparatus, comprising:

a base apparatus;

a scanner apparatus which can be removably mounted on said base apparatus and
includes a reading element;

5 and a sheet transporting path defined by a surface of said scanner apparatus on
which said reading element is provided, and a surface of said base apparatus which faces
toward said reading element in a case where said scanner apparatus is mounted on said base
apparatus;

at least one device disposed in said base apparatus; and

10 a cover of said base apparatus guiding a sheet delivered from said sheet transporting
path and covering said device;

wherein said cover can move so that said device is exposed[.].

